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Dear EPA, There are many reasons to do the best possible job of cleaning up the Willamette River, and what we do now will reverberate for years to come.

Starting with the micro-organisms, pollutants travel up the food chain. Before the plan came out I commented that I didn't care about eating fish from the river, but I

understand now that they are a "canary in a mine shaft", or a "spotted owl in the forest". They are an indicator of river health. Many animals, birds and people do eat the fish. We nearly lost our falcons to DDT. Lets not poison our eagles who I have seen fishing in the Willamette. To prevent this type of collateral damage we need to have a clean river.

When I clean my house, I clean the whole thing, not just spots that might look dirty- a thorough job. So I am asking you to dredge out all the sediment that has been identified as contaminated. If it hasn't self cleaned yet, another 50 years might not do it either. We can't wait!

It's your job, sorry to say, because I know it's a hard thing to do, but you need to go after the ones that made the mess and get them to bankroll the cleaning and do a good job. No sense in having to re-do it.

I also think it is important to store the contaminated sediment away from the river on land not likely to liquify in an earth quake. Also away from a river is likely to flood at some point. And not in a system likely to leak some day.

Thank you for your time and concern.

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